

## ***Ralley Protests Police Actions In 4th Precinct***

Approximately 100 persons attended a mass meeting called last night by the local branch of the National Negro Congress, the Washington Committee on Democratic Action, the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, and other organizations, at Zion Baptist Church, in protest against alleged police brutality, particularly in the Fourth Precinct.

The Rev. A. Joseph Edwards, pastor of the church, expressed the belief that as long as the Southwest Citizens Association met in the Fourth Precinct Station any protest from colored members of the community would be nullified unless the cause was made city-wide. Other speakers stated that community members feared to attend the meeting because of intimidation by police officers.

A second meeting will be called two weeks hence, Robert Robinson, president of the District Workers Alliance, stated, to enlist the aid of civic and fraternal organizations throughout the city in investigation of police activities in the Fourth Precinct in alleged violation of civil liberties of the residents and contrary to the duties of peace officers.

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